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SUBJECT: VOLSPKRS DENNIS AND DONELLA MEADOWS

REF: BUCHAREST CPP-01

SUMMARY: MEADOWSES HIGHLY EFFECTIVE SPEAKERS ON SUBJECTS RELATING TO PROBLEMS FACING MANKIND DUE TO FINIT LIMITS OF EARTH'S RESOURCES. KNOWLEDGABLE, ARTICULATE AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE, THEY MADE HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON DIVERSE AUDIENCE INCLUDING ENERGY SPECIALISTS, DEMOGRAPHERS, SCIENTIFIC ADMINISTRATORS AND FUTUROLOGISTS. LIBRARY LECTURES ATTRACTED EXTREMELY LARGE AUDIENCES, A MAJORITY OF WHOM WERE SPECIALISTS. MEADOWSES ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO OTHER POSTS ENGAGED IN PROGRAM RELATING TO FURUE TRENDS IN ENERGY ALTERNATIVES, POPULATION GROWTH AND OTHER ASPECTS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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"LIMITS TO GROWTH"TOPICS.

1. DENNIS AND DONELL AMEADOWS VISITED BUCHAREST, FEB16-18 AND LECTURED UNDER AMERICAN LIBRARY AUSPICES IN FOUR ROMANIAN INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS IN INDIVIDUAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS. CURRENTLY ON LEAVE FROM DARTMOUTH, THEY ARE AT IIASA NEAR VIENNA AND VISITED BUCHAREST IN CONNECTION WITH POST'S "U.S. IN THE YEAR 2000"

SERIES. FAMOUS FOR THEIR CLUB OF ROME REPORT "THE LIMITS TO GROWTH", (AND TWO SUBSEQUENT, MORE TECHNICAL WORKS ON SAME THEME), THEY ARE HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE SCIENTISTS WITH STRONG HUMANISTIC FEELINGS. CANDID, THOROUGH AND THOUGHTFUL IN APPROACH, THEY QUICKLY GRASPED THE NATURE OF OFFICAL LOCAL ATTITUDES ON ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION GROWTH AND FROMED THEIR REMARKS IN SUCH A SAY AS TO BOTH REFLECT THIS UNDERSTANDING WHILE MAINTAINING THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS. LECTURES WERE HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH ORGANIZED A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION (FOR 20) INVOLVING A WIDE VARIETY OF SCIENTISTS ON FEB 17 FOR BOTH SPEAKERS AND A LECTURE BY DENNIS MEADOWS TO 100 ENERGY SPECIALISTS THAT AFTERNOON. DONELL MEADOWS SPOKE THAT AFTERNOON TO A GROUP OF DEMOGRAPHERS IN A MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE DEMOGRAPHY POPULATION COMMISSION AND HELD AT THE UN POPULATION CENTER. DENNIS MEADOWS SPOKE ON FEB 18 AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR METHODOLOGICAL STUDIES ON FUTUROLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT TO A GROUP OF 60 FUTUROLOGISTS WHOSE PROFESSIONAL SPECIALTIES ENCOMPASSED POLITICAL SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, ARCHITECTURE, BIOLOGY AND OTHER DISCIPLINES. THE AMERICAN LIBRARY LECTURES (DENNIS MEADOWS ON "AN ANALYSIS OF THE TRANSITION FROM OIL AND GAS TO OTHER ENERGY SOURCES". DONELLA MEADOWS ON "THE DYNAMICS OF POPULATION GROWTH") ATTRACTED AUDIENCES OF 160 AND 108 RESPECTIVLY. THESE TURN-OUTS WERE MOST IMPRESSIVE BOTH IN NUMBERS AND IN THE COMPOSITION SINCE LARGE NUMBERS OF SPECIALISTS ATTENDED EACH LECTURE.

2. THE LIBRARY LECTURES ARE RATED BELOW:

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A. DENNIS MEADOWS, DARTMOUTH. VOLSPKR. ICS/DS  
QP-E; ED-VG; AR-E; RO-E; FLC-N/A  
FIFTY MINUTE PRESENTATION UTILIZED RELEVANT AND EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE SLIDES. LECTURE WELL-ORGANIZED, SUCCINT AND WELL-DELIVERED. THOUGH PRSENTATION COUCHED IN TERMS OF DESCRIBING U.S. ISUTATION PERCEPTIVE AUDIENCE MEMBERS RECOGNIZED MANY MAJOR POINTS APPLIED TO ROMANIAN CASE AS WELL. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS VARIED IN RELEVANCE BUT MEADOWS DELIVERED THOUGHTFUL ANSWERS TO ALL. MEADOWS CONCERNED ABOUT CURRENT LACK OF U.S. NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY BUT CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ON U.S. ABILITY TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS.

B. DONELLA MEADOWS, DARTMOUTH, VOLSPKR, ICS/DS  
QP-G;ED-VG; AR-G; RO-VG; BLC-N/A  
ONE HOUR PRESENTATION WAS WELL-ORGANIZED AND VISUAL AIDS WELL-CHOSEN. IN CHOOSING TO COVER WORLD-WIDE TRENDS ON COMPLEX AND SENSITIVE SUBJECT IN RELATIVELY SHORT TIME TREATMENT WAS NECESSARILY BROAD BRUSH AND SOME PERHAPS WOULD HAVE OPTED FOR MORE DETAILS ON U.S. SITUATION. LOW-KEY SPEAKER WITH SOFT VOICE, SHE IS EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT AND WELL-QUALIFIED TO SPEAK ON SUBJECT. AUDIENCE

QUESTIONS VARIED IN RELEVANCE BUT SHE TREAT EACH ONE IN CAREFUL, THOUGHTFUL MANNER AND DEALT DIRECTLY WITH POINTS RAISED.

3. MORE DETAILED REPORT TO FOLLOW. MEADOWS VISIT WAS HIGHLY PRAISED BY PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENTISTS INCLUDING IMPORTANT PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR. VISIT OF CLUB OF ROME PRESIDENT A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO MEADOWSES' VISIT HAS LED TO COOPERATIVE VENTURE BETWEEN CLUB OF ROME AND ROMANIAN FUTUROLOGY INSTITUTE ON THE THEME OF EDUCATION. POST FEELS THAT "YEAR 2000" SERIES DIRECTION SERVES OUR NEEDS AND IS IN KEEPING WITH ROMANIAN GOALS AND THEREFORE WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK WELL-KNOWN FUTURE-ORIENTED SPEAKERS OF THE LEVEL OF THE DENNIS AND DONELLA MEADOWS. FOR POSTS INTERESTED IN FUTURE-ORIENTED TREATMENT OF ENERGY ALTERNATIVES, POPULATION GROWTH AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE "LIMITS OF GROWTH" DEBATE WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE MEADOWSES.

4. POST GRATEFUL TO ICS/DS FOR ESTABLISHING ORIGINAL CONTACT WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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